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(*c*) Except the assistant now in charge of the station who is a graduate in Zoology, others who held charge possessed no academical qualification but considerable experience and ability sufficient to carry on experiments under the direction of the Director.

(*d*) The expenditure incurred every year is recorded in the administration report of the department. Details of recurring and non-recurring expenditure are not available with Government but the building, plant, laboratory, etc., were valued in 1932 at Rs. 39,120.

Experiments with drier carried on at the Tanur Research Station.

* 839 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether experiments with the drier are being carried on at the Tanur Research Station;

(*b*) whether the Research Assistant in charge of the experiment is qualified for the purpose;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the experiment with the drier was conducted by Sir F. Nicholson;

(*d*) whether the defect observed by Sir F. Nicholson has been remedied; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the observations recorded by the present Director of Fisheries and place them on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, under the orders of the Director of Fisheries.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) From paragraph 63 of the administration report for 1932–33 it will be observed that the experiments have attained some success.

(*e*) The Director's observation are contained in paragraphs 61–63 of the latest administration report.

Imposition of the condition of financial guarantee in respect of fish-curing yards.

* 840 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of fish-curing yards closed on the West Coast as a measure of retrenchment;

(*b*) whether the Government insist on fishermen giving financial guarantee in the case of Baikampadi and Nattika yards;